

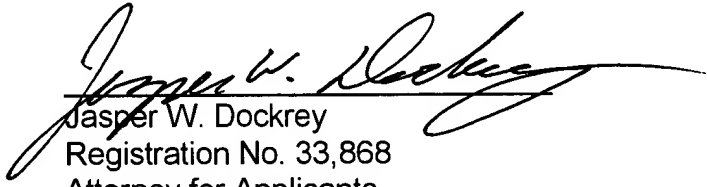
REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. Claims 14-17 have been withdrawn pursuant to a restriction requirement and claim 19 has been cancelled.

In the Advisory Action dated October 12, 2004, claims 1-13 and 18 were indicated as allowable if resubmitted in an amendment canceling claim 19. Accordingly, the applicants have cancelled claim 19 without prejudice in view of their intention to file a continuation application for claim 19.

The applicants have addressed all outstanding issues and the pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, such allowance is now earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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